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Pima Utility rate increase

**Pima Utility Company**  
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Gentlemen,

Since the above utility is privately owned then I hold it in the same category as any stock that I own. The economy has taken a huge toll on my small portfolio, but there is no entity to call upon to restore the value it once was.

I am retired and on a fixed income and will get no boost in my savings unless the economy brightens. Why should I, and my neighbors, be held hostage by Pima Utility? Let Pima deal with the economy just as it's customers.

I am against any increase in rates. We're all in the same boat.

Al Fox, Sun Lakes

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**From:** WoodyCWPV@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012 4:22 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** Thank you - Sun Lakes session

I would like to express my appreciation to you for your presence in Sun Lakes yesterday to hear input from the community regarding the proposed rate increase by Pima Utility Company.

My objections (I was the third person at the podium) were echoed by other presenters and you all were diligent in taking notes.

We are all relying upon you to do what you said you would do - make a decision that is right.

It was a pleasure to greet each of you after the session. Thank you again for being here.

Woody Neiman  
Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes

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**From:** Steve [steve.howell@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:54 AM  
**To:** Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web  
**Subject:** Proposed Rate Increases

**Name:** Stephen & Donna Howell  
**Address:** 9101 E. Sun Lakes Blvd. S  
Sun Lakes, Az. 85248  
**Phone:** 480-648-0425

My wife and I are retired and on a fixed income. We purchased our winter home in Arizona only 2 years ago. We are snowbirds. The proposed rate increase would put an undue burden on us. We only live there 5 months of the year and during the other 7 months we use no water or services. However, we are paying for all 12 months. The surrounding communities in Sun Lakes have a majority of residents that are also snowbirds.

Our communities have golf courses and it has already been rumored that the proposed increase will be passed on by the golf courses to the homeowners. The result is it will cost the part time snowbird residents quite a bit. Most of them, like us, are on a fixed income.

For these retirement communities to continue to thrive and bring all the money into the state of Arizona that result from snowbirds, the expense of having a second home must be affordable. In today's struggling economy, it is becoming increasingly difficult for most older people to even be able to retire. If we continue to make the Arizona retirement communities unaffordable, the Arizona economy will wind up paying for it with a loss of part-time residents that it has enjoyed for many years.

I would ask that you consider the longer term effects of a decision to allow utility rate increases of this magnitude.

I believe that smaller rate increases should be allowed as deemed necessary but not allow the neglect of the utility in not filing for rate increases in prior years, to file for a massive increase to make up for their mistakes of the past that will negatively affect the future of Arizona.

Sincerely,  
Stephen & Donna Howell

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**From:** WoodyCWPV@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2012 9:36 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web  
**Subject:** One last plea regarding Pima Utility Company

Greetings Commissioners

Let me try one last "11th hour" plea to ask that you deny the S Corp tax pass through requested by Pima Utility Company.

I have written to you on regarding the Pima filing several months ago and addressed the S Corp issue. I attended the hearing at the Commission on May 29 and spoke to this issue, among others. I also spoke to this issue, again along with other topics, at the public input session held at Sun Lakes Country Club on July 10.


The tax break issue has been largely flying under the radar. Our examination of the filing unveiled this topic. RUCO spotted the situation and is opposed to it.. AARP has weighed in on the issue, also opposing the request.. The Arizona Republic wrote about in the paper on Sunday July 8. I understand that the Corporation Commission staff is also opposed to this request.

You have, I feel, a fiduciary responsibility to the customers of the private utility companies throughout Arizona, not the owners of these companies. Yes, we expect the companies to remain profitable and stay in business and we expect to pay a fair and equitable amount for their services and products.. However this tax break has far reaching implications to all customers of private utility companies throughout Arizona.

One more time - I urge you to deny this request as you consider the Pima Utility Company rate increase request.

Sincerely

Woody Neiman

  
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248